

With Reguard's to some comments filled late this week //

My original "RM" request in its text left open for what can only be addressed as additional public input. Nothing in the "RM" was set in "Cement", "Stone", or "Steel"! It was up to the radio public to place there Ideas before the commission as how to resolve this problem.

In the Report and Order of about 1999 / 2000 making major changes in the "Ham" radio service. The Commission stated in there order that there was very little difference's between the "Extra" Class, and the "Advanced" class. At that point in time a great number of "Ham" fearing that a lot of upgrades revised the "Extra" class and canceled the element 4-B trapping some +86,000 "Ham". At the least the 4-B should have been continued for a greater period of time! The Greater Period of time would have allowed more upgrades!

There has allways been a "Class Status" in the "Ham" radio licenses, and too often the "infighting" between the "Ham Classes"! This infighting is not based short timed events that are current. A lot of the infighting extends back to the late 1930's. The Commission can resolve the most pressing first! The Commission can resolve part of and later leave it open for future review. or the Commission can do nothing!

I only "suggested" that the Commission look into the or "Sorts" "Early Generals" that were first downgraded from "Advanced" This Idea was placed forward in E-Mail directed at me, and FWD to the Commission. Some of the Fillings also make "Lite" of this general issue. As in my "RM" I ask for "Public Input" just because some one would have a better point of view. Reading the Input several would like to make changes, several would only half or 1/4 passed, and other "Fear" its approval by the commission!

From a Interview of a Ham near Columbus, Ohio just in the past few days. He did not want the FCC to pass this because he wanted to be the "Last Advanced" Standing. This can still happen if the commission acts on the public input from the people who filled comments and e-mail's who want this passed by the commission.

Mr. Bradley Farrell filed a objection, listing others points of view of other persons, making reference to parts of other fillings!

He makes a un-founded remark that I'm trying to change the some of the original intent of the "RM" more or less late. I received a nubmer of E-mails both for and against this issue, and they have been FWD electronicly, and via U.S. Mail [Regular] to the commission. Thats correct Mr. Farrell, Both For and Against. The inclusion of the "old generals" was not my idea, It came from the Public. I more or less made comment about this!

Mr. Farrell states that it would be hard to make sure that the operator making application did have actual of "sorts" operating time. This was addressed in E-mail, and Comments filled that the VEC/VE & FCC would have to establish the administrative rules for the applications if no one make comment as to what "Proff's" are needed in the application. I suggested "Logs" - "QSL cards" what

was also brought to may attention, was "Awards" from the ARRL, CQ mag, and a host of other clubs and org's. Mr. Farrell in his objection, did not even suggest anything that the VEC/VE teams could use a "positive" PROFF's! The mater of "Club letters, membership in org's like the "QCW", Noted in publications Like The ARRL contest results would serve as additional proof's.

Mr. Farrell make note of the Military Credit issue for shorter time to make the conversion to Extra, Less that the suggested 20 years. Time in military service sure makes it hard to operate in times of minor conflicts, wars, or over seas duty! This is only a minor side issue the commission could address and it has merit! However some of the E-mail suggested that "military credit for electronics school and working in a military job code number" for some or total "Ham" Credit This is based upon a Comment filled where a fellow received some FAA credit for a license. This point also has merit, and it was input from the public. I'm for some credit for major military school-ing in electronics! However the comments that the party sent in would like full credit. This sure need's more research, comments, and investigation by the commission. If other agency's are handing out "Credits" for the millitary school-ing and job related experience's then why has the commission not been informed till now?

Mr. Farrell points to no factual evidence, Comments about "Advanced" not being able to operate in the national hurracane watch program were filed, A ARRL section leader made a "Positive" comment that it should be passed. A M.A.R.S. [Military Radio] made note that he lost a ham because he could not up-grade. To address Mr. Farrell remarks are one sided, and If he did read the "Positive" comments he over looked putting them in his comments to the commission.

Thanks

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